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Evans Blasts UNESCO Report

Harold M. Evans, editor of *The London Sunday Times*, told an OPC "Shop Talk" luncheon Nov. 1 that the proposed declaration on the news media by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) is a conspiracy to control the free press throughout the world.

Speaking to a capacity audience, Evans characterized the draft declaration being debated at the current UNESCO conference in Paris as "an ill-written tissue of garbage (and) a charter for news manipulation in direct conflict with the charter of UNESCO itself" — a reference to the organization's assignment to promote the free flow of information in education, science and the arts.

Local Policemen

Among other provisions, the draft declaration calls for "action by the international community" to supervise access by journalists to news sources and what they write, to insure that the news media present "a socially beneficial picture" of member countries; member governments are asked to act as local policemen to enforce the rules. Another clause says that news media have an "obligation" to print the official version of "the facts presented by states." UNESCO delegates from UN member countries to the Paris meeting are being asked to approve the declaration as operating policy for their respective governments.

Evans said the present language in the declaration "is completely different from the text sent to UNESCO's director-general by the draft committee.

"The second part of the report now being published has never been approved by the people who signed the (original) agreement," he charged. "It has clauses that cannot be accepted by any country that respects freedom of information. It was written by the UNESCO

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Henry Gellermann (left) and Myron Farber

Farber Reports On Court Battle

Myron Farber, the *New York Times* investigative reporter who went to jail rather than surrender his notes to a New Jersey judge, told the OPC Nov. 2 that his case is "a fight for the public's right to know."

In his first public appearance since his release Oct. 24, he warned a capacity Headliners luncheon audience "that other newsmen will go to jail before we get a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court that protects this right.

"I went to jail for the public I write for," he said. His case is now on appeal to the High Court.

At issue is the defense subpoena to surrender his notes for a series of stories he wrote in the so-called "Doctor X" murder case. When he refused to comply, he was jailed 40 days. Farber characterized it as "the broadest subpoena ever served on a U.S. newsman — a fishing expedition. To comply would be setting a precedent for all newsmen and all newspapers."

"No one has seen my notes," he said.

He revealed that other defense attorneys already are issuing similar subpoenas on other newsmen. The day before he spoke at the OPC, he said he had telephone calls from a reporter

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Gellermann Urges Free Press Fund

Henry Gellermann, president of the Overseas Press Club, is asking the Overseas Press Club Foundation's Board of Governors to make funds available to the OPC to establish a permanent group dedicated to the defense of First Amendment rights. He said the group would initially be composed of members of the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee and he believes it can grow with the aid of publishers and broadcasting executives into a nationwide organization.

The announcement was made to an overflow crowd of OPC members, reporters and guests attending a special OPC Headliner luncheon honoring Myron Farber, the *New York Times* reporter who was jailed for refusing to surrender his notes to a New Jersey court in the recent "Dr. X" murder trial.

Fined \$285,000

"There are not too many institutions in the media willing and able to afford such a confrontation and its high legal costs (as assumed by *The Times* in the Farber case)," Mr. Gellermann said. Mr. Farber and *The Times* have paid a reported \$285,000 in fines and \$700,000 in legal costs in the battle to date and are appealing the contempt citation to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It is not unreasonable to assume that after the Farber case, publishers, editors and reporters might prefer to be more cautious than heroic in the future," Mr. Gellermann said.

"In this light, I will recommend that the Overseas Press Club Foundation provide sufficient funds to organize a group of members of the Club's Freedom of the Press Committee of journalists and jurists. From our ranks we will establish a league of members from the press, radio and television who will combine in defense of the First Amendment and seek redress from the Congress of the United States."

LETTERS FROM THE TIMES

October 21, 1978

Mr. Henry Gellermann
President
Overseas Press Club of America
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Gellermann

I want to thank you for your warm and very heartening letter and for the copies of the Club's bulletin. I hope that I have done the right thing for our profession and for the public but, all that aside, it is just very nice to be remembered. You are right in surmising that *The Times* is doing everything it can to ease any burden on me and my family. There is really nothing more that we need. But the very fact of your generous offer is itself a great comfort. You have my deepest appreciation.

Sincerely,
Myron Farber
Bergen County Jail

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October 16, 1978

Dear Mr. Gellermann

Thank you very much indeed for sending me a copy of the letter you wrote to Myron Farber. I am sure you know how much the support of organizations like the Overseas Press Club means to Myron and to *The Times*, and it was good of you to send such a thoughtful letter on behalf of the Club.

Sincerely,
A. M. Rosenthal
Executive Editor

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in Texas and from "a well-known journalist who is writing a book," telling him they have been ordered to surrender their notes in trials now pending. In California, *The Sacramento Bee* has chosen not to print a story for fear of a similar subpoena, he said.

"My paper and I have taken a course of reason; we do not want to obstruct justice," Farber continued. "But if the Supreme Court permits defense attorneys to issue these all-inclusive subpoenas, then it will end independent and meaningful journalism in this country."

"Many judges understand what we are saying. The question is, are we going to be able to give the news without fear or favor? This is the only condition under which I want to be a journalist."

Dave Anderson, Headliner chairman, arranged the program and directed the question-and-answer period. OPC president Henry Gellerman presided.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Members who because of the long New York City newspaper strike find it desirable to pay current membership dues in convenient instalments, are invited to contact Henry Gellermann, OPC president, at the club.

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directorates and staff, not by the people whose names are attached to it."

Evans said Third World countries "are part of the conspiracy (because) the theory of the collectivization of the right to be informed becomes a tool of the government in power."

"The tragedy is that the people of the Third World will receive only the information their governments want them to have. The real need is for practical assistance for their journalists and newspapers to improve the flow of information and to do a better job of reporting. They deserve better from UNESCO, an organization we all help support with our taxes."

The program was arranged by "Shop Talk" chairman Larry Stessin and Gloria Zukerman, co-chairman. Henry Gellerman, OPC president, presided at the meeting.

To expand our overseas coverage, *The Bulletin* needs stringers in foreign capitals on all continents. Members living or working abroad are invited to send us any news they think would be of interest to our readers. We pay in bylines, but you will have the satisfaction of contributing to the Club's general sum of knowledge — no mean achievement, considering how much we miss.

Frankel Speaks At OPC Nov. 28

Editor of the editorial page — it almost sounds redundant. Nevertheless, Max Frankel of *The New York Times* has worn the mantle now for over a year. How he maintains a balance, how he keeps the quotable spark of interest among contributors as well as regular columnists, how it is to be editor of *The Times* editorial page — will be the subject of a special "Shop Talk" luncheon on Tuesday, November 28. Reservations are suggested.

What experience and qualifications does a person need to qualify for the task of not only overseeing the editorials, but choosing the letters to the editors and the contents of *The Times'* Op-Ed page (with Charlotte Curtis)?

Born in Germany, Mr. Frankel and his family were deported by the Nazis to Poland when he was eight years old. After two years of hardship, he and his mother reached New York where his father joined them after the war.

In 1952 he was graduated from Columbia University and admitted to Phi Beta Kappa and earned his M.A. in American government in 1953. At Columbia he was editor-in-chief of *The Daily Spectator* and campus correspondent for *The Times*. In June 1952 *The Times* hired him as a full-time reporter.

After two years in uniform at the Pentagon, Frankel returned to *The Times*. In 1956 he was assigned to Europe, then to Moscow and finally back home to cover the United Nations and the Caribbean. In 1961 he was transferred to Washington and became *The Times* diplomatic correspondent in 1963.

In 1965 Mr. Frankel received the Overseas Press Club Award for foreign reporting; five years later he won the George Polk Memorial Award for "the best daily newspaper or wire service interpretation of foreign affairs." He was named editor of the editorial page in January 1977. — Charles Schreiber

Forbes 'Shop Talk'

Malcolm S. Forbes, owner-publisher of *Forbes Magazine* and author of the book, "Sayings of Chairman Malcolm," was speaker at an OPC *Shop Talk* luncheon at the Club October 24. Appearing only hours before President Carter addressed the nation on some of the same subjects, Mr. Forbes expressed his own opinions on the current stock-market decline, inflation, the new capital gains tax, voluntary wage/price controls and *Forbes Magazine*.

"The biggest fear we are all ex-

NEW MEMBERS

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Kenneth A. Kovaly, *Technical Insights, Inc.*

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CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP STATUS

From Associate to Active

Harry Rand

OPC Acts To Aid Foreign Writers

A Human Rights Subcommittee of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, to work on behalf of journalists in detention throughout the world, was appointed by OPC President Henry Gellerman Oct. 25. It has been communicating unofficially for the past six months with government authorities in foreign countries where newsmen have been imprisoned or have disappeared, including Argentina, Chile, USSR, Czechoslovakia, Singapore, Bahrain and South Africa. Replies have been received to date from Vere Stock, consul-general of South Africa in New York; Ambassador Donald Sole of South Africa in Washington; and Lai Weng Cheong of the Ministry of Home Affairs in Singapore.

First reported in *The Bulletin* in May, the subcommittee's activities were cited in July in the International Commission of Jurists' Bulletin in an article entitled "Journalists Help Journalists." A human rights officer of the US Department of State, picking up on the ICJ Bulletin piece, contacted the subcommittee to express support and offer assistance. Among other human rights organizations supporting the OPC commitment to human rights are: United Nations Commission of Human Rights, United Nations Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs, United Nations Commission for Namibia, International League for Human Rights, American P.E.N., Washington Office on Latin America, Chile Committee for Human Rights, National Council of Churches, Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility, Episcopal Churchmen for South Africa, Association of American Publishers Freedom to Publish Committee, Newspaper Guild, and Amnesty International.

Helps journalists

Larry Cox, Press and Information Officer of Amnesty International's New York Center, calls the OPC subcommittee's work "of great value to journalists around the world." Amnesty International's Journalist Urgent Action Network is working to help several of the same people. Rev. William Wipfler, Human Rights Director of the National Council of Churches, said "When human rights groups combine efforts, we have a greater effect." In a broader context, Nicole Bourgeois, Executive Secretary of the American Association of the International Commission of Jurists, pointed out "a worldwide network of journalists who give each other

support provides an excellent example and incentive to other professions, such as doctors and lawyers."

Headed by Laurie Nadel, the OPC Subcommittee's members are: Lelai Lelaulu, Hesh Wiener, Circe Escalada, Tom Mechling and Leo Byams. Bob Moskin will link the Subcommittee's work with the Freedom of the Press Committee and keep the OPC Board of Governors informed of its activities. Any OPC member who wishes to join the subcommittee should contact Laurie Nadel by leaving a message at the Club's office.

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pressing is the concern with inflation," he said. "The market plunged on the premise that we were going to do something about it." Conversely, the dollar's value went down abroad because "they didn't think we were going to do anything about it." Inflation has become so threatening, Forbes said, because "it is something that is beginning to settle in."

Even though many people feel Mr. Carter's voluntary wage/price controls will not work, Forbes was optimistic because he thinks that, in the end, they will not be so voluntary. "When you consider that a majority of the country, according to the polls, are in favor of imposed controls, business is not apt to ignore the guidelines as laid down by the President," he reasoned. "Public relations directors will be persuading their bosses to comply because it is the temper of the country."

From Forbes' view, controls will not solve the fundamental problem, but he is optimistic that they will put the brakes on the economy for a few months until the program toward a more nearly balanced budget is a fact. "That, combined with the reduction of capital gains taxes, create an encouraging picture," he said.

In reply to a comment that he had not mentioned the word "recession" in his talk, Forbes said that was because he doesn't see one happening. He said the market was behaving badly for very sound reasons, and there are no ingredients for a recession.

In response to a request from co-chairperson Gloria Zukerman to wind up his talk with a quote from Chairman Malcolm, he quipped, "Never say die before you do it."

—Rosalind Moore

Who, What, Where

By GRACE NAISMITH

HONORS: Barrett Gallagher, awarded Nov. 9 by the American Society of Magazine Photographers with the ASMP Honor Roll, joining such greats as Fritz Goro, Alfred Eisenstaedt and Jay Maisel.

MAGAZINES: Elmer Lower wrote the 25th anniversary story for *Television Radio Age*, showing the impact of TV on the U.S. There are nearly 40 pictures featuring crucial events. The 25th anniversary issue was published Aug. 28 and is a classic on news history, let alone television and radio development. Lower answers 7 criticisms of the medium and discusses the three leading networks, plus public television. Invaluable reading for all newsmen, and a must for students of journalism everywhere — including no doubt, Lower's students at the University of Missouri, where the former ABC news president is now professor of journalism. He is featured in the *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, Oct. 21-22.

BOOKS: Franklin Bandy, has a new suspense novel, "Deceit and Deadly Lies," just published by Charter Books division of Grosset and Dunlap. Rave reviews for this \$2.25 paperback in *Publishers Weekly* — "a thriller as successful in its characterizations as it is with its myriad plot threads. Eugene Franklin Bandy lives in Port Chester and has written another mystery-suspense softcover, "The Shannonesse Hustle," to be published by Avon in December. (Did you know that a PSE is a psychological stress evaluator and there is one in "Deceit and Deadly Lies.")

COLUMN: Hugh Mulligan, longtime foreign correspondent, now lives in Ridgefield, Connecticut, and is writing a human-interest column for the AP. He once attended Marlboro College, according to its *Alumni News*.

WHO COULD BELIEVE that Arturo Gonzalez needs help? But he has asked for it, writing from Vila Les Mouettes, Pont Rouge, Lugrin, 74500 Evian les Bains, France: "I'm working in the Geneva area, consulting with the UN High Commission for Refugees...and am interested in helping journalists who would like to cover refugee affairs — 'boat people' from Viet Nam, refugees from Southern Africa, Burma, Bangladesh." Anybody who wants to help Arky help journalists help themselves can call Evian les Bains 76 03 89.

EXHIBIT: Frances Kish has a showing of romantic landscapes at the

Kalarson Gallery from Nov. 19 to Dec. 20. Reception for our devoted OPC member, Nov. 19, 2:00 — 4:00; 415 E. 53 St., New York City.

GOSSIP: Edward Thompson, editor-in-chief of *The Reader's Digest* had been scheduled to move into the office of Founder DeWitt Wallace, who celebrated his 89th birthday Nov. 12, but Ed has decided not to. The office is a showplace for visitors who tour the Mt. Kisco, New York building. Besides, the office "belongs," to Wallace, Ed says, even though he has turned over the reins of the publication.

The club will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, but will be open the following day, Friday Nov. 24.

Jazz music made famous in the '30's and '40's by Django Reinhardt and the Hot Club of France will be heard at OPC Friday, December 1, when the Jazz Club presents a twilight program featuring "Jazz A Cordes." The 5:30 p.m. session will also launch a membership drive among non-OPC members.

Tom Valvo will play interim piano. A protege of Dorothy Donegan, he has frequently performed at OPC.

Jazz A Cordes drew raves for its brief performance at the last jazz session. Mike Peters recaptures the Belgian gypsy's guitar; Charles Wizen from France gives his creative touch to the Stephen Grappelli violin, supported by the outstanding rhythm guitarists Marty Grosz and Vince Giordano, and Al Hall adds the bass.

Jazz chairman Wilma Dobie announced membership in the Overseas Jazz Club will be \$10 annually, which will entitle members to attend concerts free. Non-members of OPC or the Jazz Club will be charged an entrance fee.

FROM THE CLUBS

HONG KONG — Marsh Clark has arrived in Hong Kong with wife Pippa to become *Time Magazine's* bureau chief for Southeast Asia and China. Clark's previous foreign assignments included Saigon 1968-70, Jerusalem 1970-72 and Moscow 1975 until earlier this year.

Seen on the scene in Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club: Carl Mydans, *Life Magazine* photographer, and his writer wife Shelley, after visiting China... Newsreel Wong, 79, who as his nickname indicates was one of the pioneer newsreel cameramen in China. Wong, now retired in Taipei, took the famous picture of a crying child sitting on a railroad track in the Sino-Japanese fighting... Ralph Looney, editor of *The Albuquerque Tribune*, touring East Asia with his wife... Phil Curran, retired UPI executive who now lives in Newport Beach, Calif., also on an Asia journey with his wife.

Arnold Dibble, who spent about half of his 40 years with UPI in Asia, has just retired to El Paso, Texas, where he will teach and write. Dibble's last post with the wire service was in Minneapolis as Minnesota state editor.

COLOMBO — The first national news agency in Sri Lanka (Ceylon) was established in August to take over distribution of international news to newspapers and broadcasters in this island off the south Indian coast.

The agency, Lankapuwath (Lanka News), is discussing service agreements with several foreign news agencies. Chairman of Lankapuwath is Esmond Wickremasinghe, veteran newspaper editor and executive who has been active in international organizations dealing with the press. — Al Kaff

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